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Title: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 113 pages, including 4 independent claims and 32 claims total.
2. Drawings - 36 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-28).
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Total Claims	32	-	20	12	x \$18	216.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$84	84.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on the Provisional Patent Applications identified on page 1 of the attached specification, in the paragraph entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS".

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